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Adviser mentioned that we should get a report from Mr. Nanjappa, Administrator, Kolhapur State, regarding the news item that Mr. Lathe has been relieved of his post of Prime Minister, Kolhapur. The telegram below may issue.

2. Adviser also suggested that we should send a telegram to His Highness of Kolhapur at Gwalior regarding the deputation of Mr. Dayal to Kolhapur. The telegram below may also issue.

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HH the Maharaja of Gwalior came to see me on the 4th He told me that the Maharaja of Kolhapur did not accompany him to Delhi and he had gone back to Kolhapur on seeing a press report that Mr. Lathe had been dismissed by the Administrator. I told His Highness that I myself saw the report in the news papers, but have sent a telegram to Mr. Nanjappa to let us know the true position. Nanjappa has sent a reply which is ~~quitex~~ not quite satisfactory. I think both States Ministry and Nanjappa cannot play this game unless there is an understanding between them. I have told Nanjappa that he should not take any overt action as regards Lathe without prior consultation. My plan was to raise this issue with H.H. Kolhapur and I would induce him to remove Lathe. To say that Finance Department of the State has decided to abolish this post of Prime Minister as a measure of economy amounts to the same thing as the dismissal of the Prime Minister by the Administrator. I suggest that I should send a telegram that pending further instructions Nanjappa should not take any overt action in regard to this matter.

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(Sd.) V.P. Menon.
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Submitted with papers. Please see S. No. (4) and P. 2/n. ante.

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Mr. Nanjappa is here today & will talk things over with the Adviser.

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19th October 1948.

Dear Rao Bahadur

Sub:- Post of Prime Minister, Kolhapur State.

I have already reported to you on several occasions that the financial position of the State is extremely unsatisfactory at present and that we are doing everything possible to economise expenditure and retrench unessential personnel. On the 1st of October there was a balance of about 4 lacs of rupees to the credit of the Darbar in the Kolhapur Bank. The monthly expenditure in the State is about Rs.10/- lacs. We have already expended the balance to our credit in the Bank. We do not expect any substantial collection of revenue before December.

For some time past I have been considering whether the post of Prime Minister in Kolhapur State is really justified in view of the work entrusted to the Prime Minister and the high cost involved. The Prime Minister at present is supposed to deal with the subjects of Jagirs, Audit and Army. The Jagirs are being integrated with the State administration in the immediate future. Further, practically all departments of the Jagirs are already being dealt with by the Administrator. Only the personal rights and privileges of Jagirdars are dealt with by the Prime Minister. The Army is a subject about which the Prime Minister knows next to nothing and this department is being dealt with directly by His Highness. The Kolhapur Army consists of about 1000 men in all and the work in connection with the Army at Government level is not considerable. The Auditor General and the Commandant are officers of sufficiently high status and can have direct access to His Highness for the cases relating to their respective department, or if necessary, through the Huzur Secretary. The Prime Minister also advises His Highness with regard to negotiations on important issues with the Government of India. This work is also not considerable and I am of opinion that the Administrator or the Chief Minister, as the case may be, can well be in a position to advise

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Mr. Latthe is doing everything possible to obstruct and interfere with the work of the Administrator, apart from carrying on a bitter personal campaign against the present Administrator. In the evenings all the anti-Congress elements meet at Mr. Latthe's house regularly. Mr. Latthe has been advising the members of the Bagal Ministry in their defence in the Coyajee enquiry. On one occasion I personally saw him preparing the defence statements for the ex-Ministers.

I would, therefore, request that the States Ministry may kindly advise His Highness the Maharaja of Kolhapur to abolish the post of the Prime Minister, at least as long as the Administrator is in charge of the affairs of the State.

Yours

V. Nanjappa

(V. Nanjappa)

Rao Bahadur V. P. Menon, CSI., CIE.,
Secretary,
Ministry of States,
New Delhi.

Copy submitted to -

(1) H. E. Sir Raja Maharajsing, Governor of Bombay,
(2) Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier, Government of Bombay, Bombay,
✓(3) V. Shankar, Esqr., I.C.S., Private Secretary to Hon. Deputy Prime Minister, New Delhi,

for information.

D/PB 2.11.48.

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3.11.48.

MOST IMMEDIATE

NANJAPPA

ADMINISTRATOR

KOLHAPUR

MOST IMMEDIATE

REPORT HAS APPEARED IN PRESS HERE THAT MR LATHE HAS RELINQUISHED CHARGE OF HIS POST AS PRIME MINISTER KOLHAPUR STOP WE SHALL BE GLAD TO KNOW WHETHER THIS IS CORRECT AND FOR A REPORT FROM YOU

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for Secy., Ministry of States.

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NANJAPPA ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator's Office,
Kolhapur, 4th November 1948.

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1. Date of despatch.
2. List of enclosures.

From - Menon, Statesind, New Delhi.

To - Nanjappa,
Administrator, Kolhapur.

Reference your telegram dated fourth. Please do not take any action till you see Mr Buch's air mail letter.

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BY AIR MAIL.

My A Stats

(13) 12 November 5, 1948

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My dear Nanjappa

Please refer to your telegram dated November 4, 1948 regarding Lathe. This has been seen by the Adviser. We do not quite understand the stand taken by you where on the one hand you ask us to tell the Maharaja to discharge Lathe while on the other you say that the Finance Department have decided to abolish the post of the Prime Minister on ground of economy.

2. You will recall our discussions at Bombay where it was decided that on your side you should not take any direct or indirect part in working for the removal of Lathe. The Adviser has asked me to tellyou that you should scrupulously refrain from doing any overt act in this direction. Please therefore leave it to us to discuss this matter with the Maharaja. He is likely to come here very soon.

Yours sincerely,

sd/(N.M. Buch)

Captain V. Nanjappa ICS
Administrator, Kolhapur.

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